

OWNER-USED PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Prior Law_____

Every person must list for the assessor all property subject to taxation in Iowa, of which that person is the owner, or has control or management. Previously, an assessor could require a property taxpayer to file a supplemental return in addition to listing property for taxation. The supplemental return was on forms prescribed by the Director of Revenue. While making the assessment, the assessor could not take into consideration special value or use value of the property by its present owner, or the goodwill or value of a business that uses the property, rather than the value of the property as property.

New Provisions_____

2017 Iowa Acts House File 478 clarifies that a supplemental return required by the assessor cannot request sales or receipts data, expense data, balance sheets, bank account information, or other data related to the financial condition of a business that uses the property, if the property is classified as commercial or industrial. A person cannot be required to provide this data to the assessor for property assessment purposes.

House File 478 also clarifies that, when valuing commercial and industrial property, an assessor cannot consider or request sales or receipts data, expense data, balance sheets, bank account information, or other data related to the financial condition of a business using the property.

Sections Amended_____

Section 7 of 2017 Iowa Acts House File 478 amends Section 441.19, Code 2017. Section 8 amends Section 441.21, Code 2017.

Effective Date_____

July 1, 2017, applicable to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.